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TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: September 2, 2009

RE: Docket No. 2009-0048, Molokai Public Utilities, Inc.

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c: Peter A. Nicholas Molokai Public Utilities, Inc. c/o Molokai Properties Limited 745 Fort Street Mall, Suite 600 Honolulu, HI 96813			
FROM: Michael Azama <i>[Signature]</i> Commission Counsel			

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REMARKS:

PAMELA HAMAMOTO

August 31, 2009

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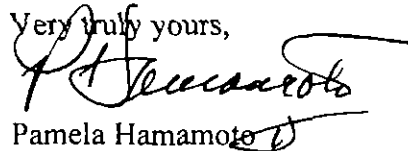
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The rate increase being sought would increase water rates by 202.2% over current rates if approved. MPU attempts to justify the need for the increase based on current costs. MPU has over the years irresponsibly neglected to provide adequate maintenance and upkeep of its system. Deferring maintenance results in the rapid deterioration of the mechanical systems and infrastructure resulting in exacerbated cost for repairs and maintenance. Therefore, the resulting higher cost of operation is the result of the irresponsible operations of the utility system by MPU which they are now attempting to have their customers absorb. This is patently unjust and should not be allowed and their application for a rate increase denied.

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Very truly yours,



Pamela Hamamoto

cc: Mayor Charmaine Tavares
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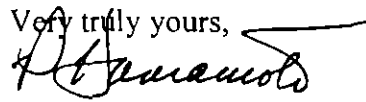
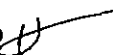
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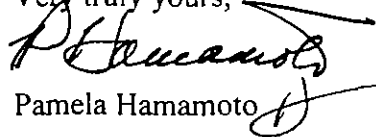
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